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SUBJECT: CENTRAL BANK OF IRAN'S COMPLAINTS ABOUT CABLE
SERVICE TO NEW YORK

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1. IN ATTEMPT LOCATE SOURCE OF DIFFICULTY COMPLAINED OF BY SHIRAZI, DEPARTMENT HAS TALKED WITH REPS OF CABLE COMPANIES PROVIDING TEHRAN/NEW YORK SERVICE, AND FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK AND DEPT HAVE ATTEMPTED COLLECT INFORMATION FROM NY BANKS RE CABLE SERVICE FROM TEHRAN.

2. CABLE COMPANIES OFFER NO SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION FOR CBI'S PROBLEM. NY BANKS ALL PROVIDE THEIR OWN COMPUTERS TO TIE INTO COMPANIES' CENTRAL SWITCHING STATIONS AND EVEN SUBSTATIONS. ONCE A MESSAGE REACHES ONE OF THESE FACILITIES, THE RECEIVING BANK HOOKUP IS DIALED AUTOMATICALLY AND THE MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED JUST LIKE A TELEX MESSAGE.

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NY BANKS DO NOT USE A MESSENGER DELIVERY SYSTEM. COMPANIES STATE THERE ARE PLENTY OF CIRCUITS BETWEEN TEHRAN AND NY AND A WIDE DIVERSITY OF ROUTINGS AVAILABLE TO THE IRANIAN PTT (I.E., DIRECT OR THROUGH TEL AVIV, ROME, ATHENS).

THEY CITE FACT IRANIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, EXPERIENCES NO DIFFICULTY RE SERVICE FROM TEHRAN. ONE COMPANY MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS SOME CONGESTION AWHILE AGO (MAY-JULY), BUT IT WAS IN TEHRAN AND NOT IN THE TRANSMISSION FACILITIES. REFTTEL GIVES US NO REASON TO SUPPOSE SHIRAZI HAD THIS PARTICULAR PERIOD IN MIND (TO THE CONTRARY, SEE BELOW), AND, IF THE PROBLEM WERE CONGESTION IN TEHRAN, IT WOULD, SEEMINGLY, AFFECT SERVICE TO LONDON AND FRANKFURT, ALONG WITH NEW YORK.

3. ALL THREE CABLE COMPANIES (RCA GLOBECOM, WUI, AND ICC WORLDCOM) HAVE PROMISED TO HAVE OVERSEAS REGIONAL REPS CALL ON SHIRAZI AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS CBI'S PROBLEM. REPS ARE LIKELY TO SUGGEST TO SHIRAZI THAT CBI INCREASE USE OF TELEX FOR NY BUSINESS (ONE REP STATED BELIEF CBI HAD ONLY TWO TELEX MACHINES AND SHOULD HAVE MORE); THEY ALL CLAIM THAT TELEX NOT ONLY PROVIDES FASTER SERVICE, BUT IS CHEAPER IN MOST INSTANCES.

4. CONVERSATIONS WITH FRBNY AND NY BANKS REVEALED LITTLE, BEYOND FACT SHIRAZI HAS, FROM TIME TO TIME, RAISED PROBLEM WITH MEMBERS NY BANKING COMMUNITY. FRBNY DID SAY IT HAD HAD PROBLEMS ABOUT A YEAR AGO ON RECEIPT OF CABLES, WHICH IT HAD TRACED TO THE CABLE COMPANIES. THE COMPANIES DID NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIFFICULTY AT THAT TIME; THE PROBLEM, MOREOVER, HAD CLEARED UP, AND THERE IS NO PRESENT DIFFICULTY. OF BANKS SURVEYED, ONLY FNCB COULD CONFIRM EXISTENCE DIFFICULTY WITH CBI (PARTICULARLY SINCE JULY 1, 1975) AND DIFFICULTY IS NO MORE SPECIFIC THAN "DELAYED PAYMENTS" FROM IRAN. BANK COULD NOT ASCRIBE DELAYED PAYMENTS TO CABLE DELAYS; COULD JUST AS EASILY BE CAUSED BY ANOTHER FACTOR, INCLUDING DELAYED DESPATCH BY CBI. FNCB HAS ALREADY (AUGUST 12) HAD TEHRAN REP CALL ON SHIRAZI ABOUT CABLE PROBLEM. SHIRAZI, REPORTEDLY, REPEATED HIS COMPLAINTS, WITHOUT SPECIFICS, AND DIRECTED HIS ANGER AT CABLE COMPANIES.

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5. DIFFICULT TO DO MORE FROM THIS END WITHOUT CITATIONS OF SPECIFIC CABLE DELAYS THAT WE COULD THEN TRACE TO RESPONSIBLE PARTY. EMBASSY MIGHT SUGGEST TO SHIRAZI THAT HE PROVIDE US WITH SUCH, IF HE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF PROMISED VISITS OF CABLE COMPANIES' REPS AND IF SERVICE TO NY CONTINUES SPOTTY. MAW

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